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SUBJECT: UNLOADING FACILITY FOR BULK GRAIN IN PORT SAID

REF: CAIRO 11189 AND 11276

1. HAULING AWAY OF GRAIN CONTINUES TO BE PROBLEM FOR BRUER PROJECT, AS EMBOFF OBSERVED FIRST-HAND DURING VISIT TO PORT SAID JULY 11-13. BRUER HAS OFFLOADED 25,000 TONS FROM YANXILAS AND SAYS TRUCKS HAVE HAULED AWAY ONLY 10,000. A LARGE MOUNTAIN OF WHEAT HAS BEEN CREATED IN ELEVEN DAYS OF OFFLOADING. BRUER FEELS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE OF NEEDING TO OFFLOAD LESS SO AS NOT TO OVERTAX THE PROFFERRED TRANSPORT CAPACITY BUT OF NOT WANTING TO VIOLATE HIS CONTRACT (STIPULATES 2,500 TONS/DAY) AND NOT WANTING TO CAUSE THE NEXT WHEAT SHIP TO INCUR DEMURRAGE.

2. DURING MEETING WITH EMBOFF TODAY, MINSUPPLY OFFICIALS SAID BRUER HAD EXAGGERATED AMOUNT OF WHEAT NOT HAULED AWAY. THEY ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT MORE TRUCKS AND LABORERS ARE NEEDED AT ONCE. THEY CLAIM THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT TRANSPORT CAPACITY BUT ARE ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS ORGANIZING THE SUDDEN SHIFT TO PORT SAID. THEY SAY THEY WILL HAVE ENOUGH TRUCKS IN PORT SAID WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

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3. BRUER HAS APPEASED THE STEVEDORES BY FIRING PART OF HIS OWN CREW AND HIRING ILL-TRAINED AND ILL-MOTIVATED STEVEDORES IN ITS STEAD (IN ADDITION TO 200-300 STEVEDORS NEEDED FOR BAGGING ONSHORE). FAR FROM HIS PROJECT CAUSING REDUCTION IN JOBS, BRUER IS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO FIND ENOUGH LABORERS TO DO BAGGING AND LOADING.

4. COMMENT: BRUER HAS PROVED HE CAN DISCHARGE WHEAT THROUGH AN
INGENIOUS SYSTEM AT A RATE OF SPEED NO ONE IN PORT SAID EVER
BELIEVED POSSIBLE. HIS OPPOSITION SEEMS TO BE CRUMBLING. WHEN
(AND IF) THE TRUCKING ASPECT GETS ORGANIZED, EGYPT WILL HAVE MADE
A QUICK SHIFT OF A MAJOR PORTION OF ITS WHEAT IMPORTATION FROM
ALEXANDRIA TO PORT SAID.
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